

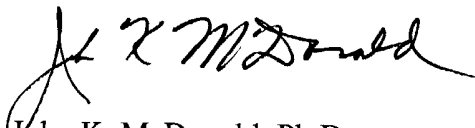
REMARKS

Claims pending in the above-identified application after entry of this amendment are Claims 7, 12, 14, 17-18 and 22-23. Claims 22 and 23 are new. The amendments to Claims 7, 12, 14, and 17-18 do not introduce new matter into the above-identified application. Favorable consideration of the currently pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the amendments. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments by the Examiner. Claims 11, 13, 15 and 19-21 are cancelled without prejudice. No new matter is introduced by the amendments and support for the amendments is found throughout the specification and claimed priority applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the amendments and following remarks.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks provided above, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 815-6500 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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